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2009 SERVICE TO BEAVERTON AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

- Care to Share, Janet Allison, Leslie Mundt, the Central Beaverton NAC and Rivermark Community Credit Union to be Recognized for their Service to the Community-

Beaverton, Oregon (May 13, 2009) – Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2009 Service to Beaverton Awards, presented by the City of Beaverton and the Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce. The annual awards, which will be presented at the City's Volunteer Recognition Night Dinner tonight (Wednesday, May 13) at the Beaverton City Library, recognize individuals and organizations that have made long term, significant contributions to the Beaverton community. The winners will also be featured in Beaverton's Celebration Parade on Saturday, September 19. Mayor Doyle, Council President Bruce Dalrymple and Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce President Lorraine Clarno will present the awards.

"The Service to Beaverton awards and the Volunteer Recognition dinner are just one way that we can recognize our community volunteers for their invaluable contributions," said Mayor Denny Doyle. "Many Beaverton area residents devote their time and talent to make our city a better place. I hope you'll join me expressing appreciation to our community volunteers all year round."

Congratulations to the 2009 Service to Beaverton Award winners:

Individual Award: Janet Allison

Recognized for her work as chair of the Tualatin Hills Park Foundation, Janet Allison has been instrumental in improving the quality of parks in Beaverton by spearheading fundraising initiatives and projects to complement the efforts of the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District. The Foundation is currently raising funds to build the first accessible baseball field in the state of Oregon for adults and children with disabilities. Janet is also the driving force behind the installation of covered dugouts at Sunset Park, a project that was completed in the Fall of 2008 as well as the popular T-Hills Classic Car Show (part of THPRD's annual Party in the Park). In addition, Janet has served on a long list of THPRD boards and committees, including the Board of Directors from 1995-2001, and she chaired or co-chaired campaign committees for six different elections including bond measures for facilities, trail projects as well as other amenities across the district.

Individual Award: Leslie Mundt

Co-winner in the individual category, Leslie Mundt has been an active volunteer with the Beaverton Celebration Parade Committee for 23 years and has served as chair for more than 15 years. In addition, she has spent the last 10 years working with the Oregon Judicial Department's Citizen Review Board to advocate on behalf of children. She has also served as a victim/offender volunteer mediator for the City of Beaverton's Dispute Resolution Center, volunteered at a local rape crisis center and served on the Beaverton Police Chief's Advisory Board.

Organization Award: Care to Share

Care to Share coordinates assistance to families and individuals seeking emergency food and other basic needs, including coordinating rent and utility assistance to residents in danger of eviction or shut-off. In 2008, Care to Share provided 13,759 assists and helped more than 50,000 adults and children in need in our community. In addition, the Care to Share Food Assistance program provided more than one million dollars worth of food for hungry individuals and families as well as giving more than 700 backpacks filled with new school supplies to at-risk Beaverton School District Elementary Students.

Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC): Central Beaverton NAC

The Central Beaverton NAC has made significant contributions to our community this year. In addition to building a strong new neighborhood voice with the addition of seven new active board members since 2008, the Central Beaverton NAC has consistently provided a public forum for guest speakers like Ride Connection and the Beaverton Historical Society as well as developers such as Beaverton Kia and the proposed Menlo apartments. In addition, the Central Beaverton NAC has sought out grant funds for a proposed art mural on the back of Ickabod's Tavern and supported Beaverton Civic Theatre summer productions.

Business Award: Rivermark Community Credit Union

A treasured community partner, Rivermark Community Credit Union is engaged in the community in numerous ways from raising thousands of dollars each year for Dorenbecher Children's Hospital (\$46,000 last year) and raising funds for the JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes as well as other causes. Rivermark also participates and sponsors such community events as the Beaverton Celebration parade and Festival Japan. Each year, Rivermark employees participate in the Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Beaverton class and volunteer at the Oregon Food Bank, SMART and at Beaverton Chamber events.

Service to Beaverton Award recipients were selected based on the following criteria: implementing and/or assisting in the implementation of outstanding projects and/or services; enriching and revitalizing our community and neighborhoods; and demonstrating responsiveness, creativity and civic values. Previous winners of the Service to Beaverton Award have exhibited outstanding service to the community through committee participation, collecting food and clothing for the needy, neighborhood "slow down" initiatives, fund raising drives for local service organizations, recruitment of volunteers for events, scholarships for local teens and support for schools. For more information, please visit www.beavertonoregon.gov.

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